

(4) The President of the Alleppey Municipal Council has reported that the epidemic is subsiding and that there is no necessity to consider this question now.

Government do not therefore propose to post a special medical officer for the purpose at Alleppey.

Help offered by the Lagnatul Mahomedia Association to attend small-pox patients at Alleppey.

355. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware:

(a) that the Lagnatul Mahomedia Association, having taken pity on the small-pox patients in the Hospital, applied to the Medical Officer, Alleppey, for permission to appoint two attendants to the patients in the small-pox section of the hospital on the pay of the Association; and

(b) that the Medical Officer did not give permission to the Association to attend on such patients?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) The Lagnatul Mahomedia Association offered to send two attendants to attend in small-pox cases. But, as there was the Board's circular prohibiting volunteers to work in Hospitals, he first refused admission to them and later on, on the responsibility of the Municipal President, he permitted them to work in the Institution.

Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.

356. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the work in connection with the scheme was started and completed;

(b) the total outlay on the scheme including land compensation;

(c) the net return from the scheme for 1104 M. E.;

(d) the net return for the first half of 1105 M. E. and the net return estimated for the second half of 1105 M. E.;

(e) whether they think that the investment in the scheme has proved to be a profitable concern;

(f) whether any special agency has been constituted to control the operations of the electric branch of the P. W. D., and if so, what it is;

(g) whether applications seeking license have been received from private agencies for starting similar schemes in other towns of the State, and if so, how many licenses have been granted and for what places;

(h) the reasons that weighed with them (Government) in granting license to private agencies to start electric supply scheme in other parts of the State;

(i) whether the Electrical Engineer was consulted before such license was granted to private agencies, and if so, what his opinion was regarding the issue of licenses to private agencies;

(j) the total number of persons employed in the Trivandrum Electric Department; and

(k) the cash surplus investment to the credit of Government as it would stand at the close of 1105 M. E.?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The actual execution of the work was started on the 17th March 1928 and supply was commenced on a commercial basis from the 8th March 1929.

(b) The total outlay on the scheme including land compensation as it stood at the end of Minam 1105 is Rs. 4,30,768.

(c) The net return from the scheme for 1104 (*i. e.*, from Minam to Karkatakam) is Rs. 11,900, excluding salaries of staff which were charged to the Capital account, as the work in connection with it was in progress throughout that year.

(d) The net return for the first half of 1105 is Rs. 21,900 and the net return expected for the second half of 1105 is about Rs. 18,000. This is exclusive of refund charges (approximately Rs. 5,000) on account of surplus stores and the proportionate establishment charges, debitable to capital account and P. W. D. works.

(e) The scheme can be regarded as a profitable investment.

(f) The Electrical Division on a temporary basis has been created for conducting the operation of this branch of the P. W. D.

(g) Application was received from a private agency to initiate a supply at Kottayam and the license has been granted. Another application has been received recently to initiate a supply at Nagercoil and the matter is under the consideration of Government.

(h) It is the policy of Government to encourage private enterprise as far as possible.

(i) The Electrical Engineer was consulted with regard to the Kottayam license and he was in favour of giving the license to the applicant subject to the condition that the license will be revoked if the licensee fails to complete the work and initiate the supply within a period of two years from the date of granting the license.

(j) The total number is 67 including Engineering Officers, Executive subordinates, office and menial staff. This is exclusive of the work establishment staff.

(k) It is not possible to give a correct figure at this stage as the accounts have not yet been closed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to part (g) of the answer, may I know the date on which the license was granted to the applicant?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the exact date. License was given only recently.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is not the date available now?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not just now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (i), may I know whether the Electrical Engineer was asked whether he could undertake the scheme at Kottayam?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He was not asked whether he could undertake the scheme, but he was consulted in the matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was he of opinion that he could undertake the scheme?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer said something of the kind. But the Electrical Engineer did not express any opinion in the matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was he of opinion that he could not undertake the work?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He did not say that either. That point was not referred to him.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I to understand that this matter was not referred to the Electrical Engineer?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He was only consulted in that matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it was to encourage private agencies that a scheme was allowed to be started by a private individual?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer says that.

Reconstruction of the Suppan Chetty Bridge across the Harihara Nadi in Shencotta.

357. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the old bridge across the Harihara Nadi in the Shencotta taluk, popularly known as "Suppan Chetty Bridge" was recently dismantled by the Public Works Department and reconstructed by that Department;

(b) the points of superiority of the reconstructed bridge over the old one;

(c) the total amount of money spent on the reconstruction of this bridge; and

(d) whether the old designation of the above bridge has since been altered in any way by the P. W. D. or by the Government?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) The new bridge is straight in alignment with the road, broader and of larger ventway and is capable of carrying all floods that formerly breached the embankment forming the northern approach frequently.

(c) About Rs. 16,000. The accounts have not been finally closed.

(d) No.

Anchal-Meenkulam Road.

358. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the Anchal-Meenkulam road, otherwise called the Alencherry-Meenkulam road, will be taken over by the P. W. D. for maintenance?